

**Enlarged Views of the
Eternal God-Man**

**As the Creator and Upholder of All Created Existence both
Visible and Invisible and His Usages of His Created Ways
and Means to Govern all Beings and Actions in the
Created Universe, both Visible and Invisible.**

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Our purpose in this Treatise is to show that Christ Jesus, the Eternal God-Man, has created and is now upholding all things in the entire Cosmos or Universe, both visible and invisible. In many studies writers have tried to limit the God-Man by presenting Him in a relationship only to this present earth and its inhabitants, both invisible and visible, and most of the time following His incarnation. Most studies limit the actions of the God-Man to a post incarnation ministry. Others stress that He is the creator and upholder and that He did pre-exist all creation, *but only in His Godhead*. By this they make him into a begotten god which He is not. He is a self-existent God. If Christ is a begotten god and the Father is self-existent and Christ is not, then Christ in His deity does not have the same nature as the Father does. The Father is self-existent and if Christ, in His deity is not, then He does not have the same nature as the Father does and hence does not have

the same attributes lacking the attribute of *self-existence*. This would mean that he is a sub-God and that the Hebrew name **YHWH** or the Life, self-life, cannot refer to Him in the Old Testament. The same is true of the Holy Spirit if Eternal Procession is true, which it is not, but Covenant Timely procession is true.

We have written several treatises presenting the Pre-Existence of our Lord Jesus Christ as the eternal God-Man in both of His natures. In these we show how the Eternal Generation and the Eternal Sonship of Jesus Christ relate to His sacred and heavenly Humanity in distinction from His deity and His form in His incarnate Humanity. Please see our studies in consideration of Paul's statements from Phil 2:7-9 and Solomon's teachings from Proverbs 8 and many other places too numerous to mention here. Our Redeemer is not a begotten God in his deity, but as the Father and the Holy Spirit are even so He is self-existent and often referred to as The Life or Self-Existent Life in the ancient Hebrew Text by the ancient name of **YHWH** and **YHWH ELOHIM**.

Our present concern is to enlarge our concepts of the God-Man's work in all past creations and His present upholding and maintaining all created beings and existence. Often our past concerns have been to show the main work of Jesus Christ in Mediatorial Redemption, which is a glorious truth, and to limit it to this present earth and the elect. In this present work our purpose is to show His relationship as the Creator and the Upholder and Maintainer over all material existence in the seen and unseen kosmos with both dimensions in the entire universe including all galaxies. We do maintain that Christ in His work as Mediatorial Redemption refers only to this earth and the elect of God. This earth is the only present home of the Elect of God, the brothers and sisters of Christ, in their physical state. Certainly in their disembodied state they have a heavenly home and are there waiting for the Great Day of the Resurrection and the creation of the New Earth and the New Heavens.

We ***do not*** suppose that the earth and the universe and all the galaxies are limited to the time of the Adamic race which is somewhere close to 6,000 years. The Eternal Godhead has always been in existence and shall always be in existence. We ***cannot*** consider the Godhead dwelling in isolation during the eternal existence. Because of this we must conclude that the Godhead has always surrounded Themselves with all manner of creations in both the visible and the invisible dimensions.

We have no way of knowing the antiquity of the creations in this universe. The written Scriptures do teach us that our God did pre-exist before any of the creations in the HEAVENS or Heaven and on this earth. ***Time*** as ***we presently know it*** relates to this present evil system on this earth following the original creation as presented in Genesis 1:1 and some other places, with

its Fall and Reconstruction period of the earth as presented in Genesis 1:2 and other places, coming down to the end of this present age at the Second Coming of Jesus Christ and His direct rule in restoring all things to their ancient order before the fall of Adam and Eve.

Ac 3:21 Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world (αἰῶνος ages) began.

(Acts 3:21 [GR/Orthodox]) ὃν δεῖ οὐρανὸν μὲν δέξασθαι ἕχρι χρόνων ἀποκαταστάσεως πάντων ἧν ἐλάλησεν ὁ Θεὸς διὰ στόματος πάντων ἁγίων αὐτοῦ προφητῶν ἀπ' αἰῶνος. **from all eternity**

God spoke of all His saints prophets from all eternity.

(Acts 3:21 [BEPEN 2013]) когото небето трябва да приеме до времето, когато ще се възстанови всичко, за което е говорил Бог от древността чрез устата на Своите свети пророци.

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Our point in using these texts is to show that *since the world began* is not in the ancient and original texts, it is not kosmos, but aionos, ages.

Here is the Textus Receptus:

Ac 3:21 ον δει ουρανον μεν δεξασθαι αχρι χρονων αποκαταστασεως παντων ων ελαλησεν ο θεος δια στοματος παντων αγιων αυτου προφητων ΑΠ ΑΙΩΝΟΣ

In the beginning *Elohim*, the God-Man, Jesus Christ, created the heavens and the earth, and please mark well, THE EARTH *became* without form and void and darkness was upon the face of the abyss. In our studies and translations from Genesis 1-6 we have shown that the original earth **BECAME** without form and void. It did not come from God in that way. God is not the God of disorder and confusion.

When we consider verse 2 in the most ancient of all the Hebrew and para-Hebrew texts the Gap-Concept becomes a reality. The earth is first created and then the earth *becomes* chaos and vanity.

(Samaritan Pentateuch English Translation 2): and the earth she becomes chaos and vanity and darkness over faces me abyss and spirit strengths vibrating over faces me the waters.

The translators of the ancient Samaritan Pentateuch and Hebrew Text translate it as *the earth became*.

Our point here is that the EARTH, not the heaven or heavens, became chaotic, vain and disorderly. By this act the heavens did not become this way. Certainly the heavens are not clean in God's sight, so how can any man be just before God? When and how this happened to the heavens needs to be presented in a separate Treatise as our present concerns are to show that our God-Man Redeemer created all and does uphold and govern them even now and has since He created them.

**John the Apostle called the God-Man the WORD,
The Word Created all things that were and are Created:**

(John 1:1 [AKJV]) In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2 The same was in the beginning with God.

3 All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made.

(Gen 1:1 [ABP]) εν αρχή εποίησεν ο θεός τον ουρανόν και την γην

(Gen 1:1 [ABP]) In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth

(Gen 1:2 [ABP]) the earth is not invisible and unmade and darkness upon the deep and the Spirit of God hovered upon water

Please consider that the Word created all things and whatever has been made or created came by the Word. Our purpose now is to call attention to the furthest of all galaxies in this present universe or heavens. While we cannot say with any certainty which is the oldest galaxy, we can say with certainty that no matter where it is or its age (I use this term because I know not any better term) our God-Man Redeemer, **Jesus Christ created it and He upholds and maintains it and rules over it even now and shall until the end of time when the present earth and the present heavens shall be destroyed and there shall be a new earth and new heavens.**

Ps 115:16 The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD'S: but the earth hath he given to the children of men.

Ps 68:33 To him that rideth upon the heavens of heavens, which were of old; lo, he doth send out his voice, and that a mighty voice.

Ps 68:4 Sing unto God, sing praises to his name: extol him that rideth upon the heavens by his name JAH, and rejoice before him.

Ps 68:8 The earth shook, the heavens also dropped at the presence of God: even Sinai itself was moved at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

Please note Exodus 24 for a more clear presentation of Who the God of Israel is. He is the Manifest God, or the God-Man. He is also called the WORD in the writings of the Apostle John.

The Creative Power of the God-Man Redeemer Presented in the Old Testament

Ge 2:1 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.

Ge 2:4 These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens,
De 10:14 Behold, the heaven and the heaven of heavens is the LORD'S thy God, the earth also, with all that therein is.

The *Self-Living Elohim* or Strong Ones made the heavens and the earth in a day. They did not evolve over a long period of time, but they were all made in a single day. Such is the mighty creative power of our eternal God-Man, our Redeemer, Jesus Christ.

Job 14:12 So man lieth down, and riseth not: till the heavens be no more, they shall not awake, nor be raised out of their sleep.

Job 15:15 Behold, he putteth no trust in his saints; yea, the heavens are not clean in his sight.

Job 26:13 By his spirit he hath garnished the heavens; his hand hath formed the crooked serpent.

Ps 2:4 He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision.

Ps 8:1 « To the chief Musician upon Gittith, A Psalm of David. » O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens.

Ps 8:3 When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;

Ps 33:6 By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.

Ps 50:6 And the heavens shall declare his righteousness: for God is judge himself. Selah.

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Ps 89:2 For I have said, Mercy shall be built up for ever: thy faithfulness shalt thou establish in the very heavens.

Ps 89:5 And the heavens shall praise thy wonders, O LORD: thy faithfulness also in the congregation of the saints. **Ps 148:1** Praise ye the LORD. Praise ye the LORD from the heavens: praise him in the heights.

Ps 148:4 Praise him, ye heavens of heavens, and ye waters that be above the heavens.

Pr 3:19 The LORD by wisdom hath founded the earth; by understanding hath he established the heavens.

Pr 8:27 When he prepared the heavens, I was there: when he set a compass upon the face of the depth:

Isa 1:2 Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth: for the LORD hath spoken, I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me.

Isa 40:22 It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in:

Isa 42:5 Thus saith God the LORD, he that created the heavens, and stretched them out; he that spread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it; he that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein:

Isa 44:23 Sing, O ye heavens; for the LORD hath done it: shout, ye lower parts of the earth: break forth into singing, ye mountains, O forest, and every tree therein: for the LORD hath redeemed Jacob, and glorified himself in Israel.

Isa 44:24 Thus saith the LORD, thy redeemer, and he that formed thee from the womb, I am the LORD that maketh all things; that stretcheth forth the heavens alone; that spreadeth abroad the earth by myself;

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Isa 51:6 Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look upon the earth beneath: for the heavens shall vanish away like smoke, and the earth shall wax old like a garment, and they that dwell therein shall die in like manner: but my salvation shall be for ever, and my righteousness shall not be abolished.

Isa 51:16 And I have put my words in thy mouth, and I have covered thee in the shadow of mine hand, that I may plant the heavens, and lay the foundations of the earth, and say unto Zion, Thou art my people.

Hab 3:3 God came from Teman, and the Holy One from mount Paran. Selah. His glory covered the heavens, and the earth was full of his praise.

Zec 12:1 The burden of the word of the LORD for Israel, saith the LORD, which stretcheth forth the heavens, and layeth the foundation of the earth, and formeth the spirit of man within him.

**While it is Certainly True that the Entire Godhead, the
Trinity of Divine Persons or Beings, Created the Entire
Universe, including the Earth, yet the Medium for all
this is the God-Man, Jesus Christ**

Mr 13:19 For in those days shall be affliction, such as was not from the beginning of the creation which God created unto this time, neither shall be.

Eph 3:9 And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:

Col 1:16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

Re 4:11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

Re 10:6 And sware by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be (no delay) time no longer:

(Rev 10:5 [WPNT]) And the angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land raised his right hand to the heaven

6 and swore by Him who lives forever and ever, who created the heaven and the things in it, and the earth and the things in it, and the sea and the things in it, that there would be no further delay,

7 but in the days of the blast of the seventh angel, whenever he should trumpet, the mystery of God that He declared to His slaves the prophets would be finished.

Eph 1:9 Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:

Eph 3:3 How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words,

Eph 3:4 Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ)

Eph 3:9 And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:

(Eph 3:8 [WPNT]) To me, the very least of all saints, was this grace given, to preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ,
9 and to enlighten all as to the program of the secret that from the beginning of the ages has been hidden by the God who created all things through Jesus Christ;
10 to the intent that now, through the Church, the manifold wisdom of God might be made known to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly realms,

The beings in the spiritual world of the entire universe look upon the faith, order, worship and works of the gospel church and thereby learn of the eternal purpose of God the Father and the Lord Jesus the Christ, executed effectually by the Holy Spirit in the Gospel Church.

1Co 11:10 For this cause ought the woman to have power on her head because of the angels.

Ga 3:19 Wherefore then serveth the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator.

1Pe 1:12 Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.

11 according to the eternal purpose that He accomplished by Christ Jesus our Lord,

12 in whom we have the boldness and the access with confidence through faith in (of) Him.

(Eph 3:12 [TR]) εν ω εχομεν την παρρησιαν και την προσαγωγην εν νεποιθησει δια της ΠΙΣΤΕΩΣ ΑΥΤΟΥ *through faith of Him.*

It is disappointing that Dr. Pickering did not note the distinction here between the genitive case and the locative case.

13 Therefore I ask that you not lose heart at my afflictions on your behalf, which is your glory.

Eph 5:32 This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

Col 1:26 Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints:

Col 1:27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

Col 2:2 That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the

acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ;

(Col 2:2 [TR]) ινα παρακληθωσιν αι καρδιαι αυτων συμβιβασθεντων εν αγαπη και εις παντα πλουτον της πληροφοριας της συνεσεως εις επιγνωσιν του μυστηριου του θεου και πατρος και του χριστου

During the late 1800s one of the great writers defending the deity of Christ in the Greek New Testament, Textus Receptus, argued that in many cases when the conjunction kai **και** was used it should be translated as *even* rather than *and*. Here perhaps a better translation is **God even of the Father and of the Christ**. By this statement Paul stressed the unity of the eternal purpose between God the Father and His only begotten Son, the Lord Jesus Christ in His essential Manhood as the God-Man, in forming and executing the eternal purpose. This eternal purpose is jointly of God the Father and the God-Man, Jesus the Christ worked out in an effectual manner by God the Holy Spirit.

**The Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal God-Man was Eternally
Generated and Set Up in His Eternal Sonship
in His Sacred Manhood for this Purpose before all Creation**

(John 8:52 [AKJV]) Then said the Jews to him, Now we know that you have a devil. Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and you say, If a man keep my saying, he shall never taste of death.

(John 8:53 [AKJV]) Are you greater than our father Abraham, which is dead? and the prophets are dead: **whom make you yourself?**

(John 8:56 [AKJV]) Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad.

(John 8:57 [AKJV]) Then said the Jews to him, You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?

(John 8:58 [AKJV]) Jesus said to them, Truly, truly, I say to you, Before Abraham was, I am.

In this wonderful chapter from Proverbs 8 both the eternal Generation and the establishment of Christ in His Eternal Sonship are established. If this refers to Him in His Deity, which it does not, then He is *a begotten god and therefore a sub god for He is not self-existent as the Father is*. We abhor such a concept. Yet, when we rightly understand that these verses refer to the Manifest God of Israel, our Lord Jesus Christ as He is named in the New Testament, and show Him in His eternal generation and His eternal

Sonship as set up and established before all creation. Of a truth the name of YHWY belongs to Him in His essential deity for He is indeed self-existent in His deity just as the Father and the Holy Spirit are.

(Prov 8:15 [AKJV]) By me kings reign, and princes decree justice.

(Prov 8:16 [AKJV]) By me princes rule, and nobles, even all the judges of the earth.

(Prov 8:17 [AKJV]) I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me.

(Prov 8:18 [AKJV]) Riches and honor are with me; yes, durable riches and righteousness.

(Prov 8:19 [AKJV]) My fruit is better than gold, yes, than fine gold; and my revenue than choice silver.

(Prov 8:20 [AKJV]) I lead in the way of righteousness, in the middle of the paths of judgment:

(Prov 8:21 [AKJV]) That I may cause those that love me to inherit substance; and I will fill their treasures.

(Prov 8:22 [AKJV]) The LORD possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old.

(Prov 8:23 [AKJV]) I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was.

(Prov 8:24 [AKJV]) When there were no depths, I was brought forth; when there were no fountains abounding with water.

(Prov 8:25 [AKJV]) Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth:

(Prov 8:26 [AKJV]) While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world.

(Prov 8:27 [AKJV]) When he prepared the heavens, I was there: when he set a compass on the face of the depth:

(Prov 8:28 [AKJV]) When he established the clouds above: when he strengthened the fountains of the deep:

(Prov 8:29 [AKJV]) When he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment: when he appointed the foundations of the earth:

(Prov 8:30 [AKJV]) Then I was by him, as one brought up with him: and I was daily his delight, rejoicing always before him;

(Prov 8:31 [AKJV]) Rejoicing in the habitable part of his earth; and my delights were with the sons of men.

(Prov 8:32 [AKJV]) Now therefore listen to me, O you children: for blessed are they that keep my ways.

(Prov 8:33 [AKJV]) Hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not.

(Prov 8:34 [AKJV]) Blessed is the man that hears me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors.

(Prov 8:35 [AKJV]) For whoever finds me finds life, and shall obtain favor of the LORD.

(Prov 8:36 [AKJV]) But he that sins against me wrongs his own soul: all they that hate me love death.

We are happy to say that we hold both to the Eternal Generation of Jesus Christ and His Eternal Sonship but not in His self-existent deity, for He is not a begotten God as the corrupted W-H text says in John 1:18, but He is self-existent in His first form as the Divine Equal, that is as the Heavenly Man.

We want to call special attention to verses 30 and 31 along with Paul's statement in Phil. 2:

(Phil 2:6 [AKJV]) Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

ל ואהיה אצלו אמון ואהיה שעשועים ([Prov 8:30 [Aleppo])

יום יום משחקת לפניו בכל-עת

לא משחקת בתבל ארצו ושעשועי ([Prov 8:31 [Aleppo])

את-בני אדם

(Prov 8:30 [Tanakh-1917]) Then I was by Him, as a nursling; And I was daily all delight, **Playing** always before Him,

(Prov 8:31 [Tanakh-1917]) **Playing** in His habitable earth, And my delights are with the sons of men. (the elect of God in their pure state even before creation)

As we look into the ancient Hebrew Text we note these two verses are teaching that the *Eternal God-Man actually enjoyed his actives of playing*

before God. The Hebrew word **משחקת** appears *in this form* only 2 times and we now know it mean playing, laughing or making sport. Some have translated it as *gamboling*. Certainly this is not in the sense of our ideas as we consider gamboling, but rather that those beings who did not understand Who the Eternal God-Man was and looked upon Him only as a man, considered it a risk to play before the eternal God. However it was not a risk to the God-Man for He thought it not any robbery to be considered as the Divine Equal, and as John said He was **FACE TO FACE** with God. Christ Jesus, the Eternal God-Man, did not consider it as a risk to stand face to face with God the Father, for Christ Jesus was already Divine by the Eternal Hypostatic Union. Because He was also Divine as well as Man before all

creation He could stand face to face with God the Father and sport before Him while the created beings of the universe dared not even go close to God the Father for fear of being consumed because of His glory.

Who were and are these additional created beings who did not know that He was both God and Man, the Heavenly Man before the material creation? They are the beings He created to assist Him in His rule over the entire kosmos. They are those beings who are sometimes called the Sons of Elohim in the Old Testament and sometimes called Principalities and Powers in the New Testament, and they exist all over the created universe even though they are unseen to us. Many of the Old Testament saints often saw some of them. Mighty are their number and even more mighty are their works, for as Elisha prayed to the God-Man... **show the young man that there are more for us than are against us**, and the God-Man did so and the young man saw the hill sides filled with the spiritual beings from the other dimension and cried out, **there be more for us than against us**.

ד יושב בשמים **ישחק** אדני ילעג-למו ([Ps 2:4 [Aleppo])
(Ps 2:4 [Tanakh-1917]) He that sitteth in heaven laugheth, The Lord hath them in derision.

(Judg 16:25 [AKJV]) And it came to pass, when their hearts were merry, that they said, Call for Samson, that he may make us sport. And they called for Samson out of the prison house; and he made them sport: and they set him between the pillars.

deride, have in derision, laugh, make merry, mock(-er), play, rejoice, (laugh to) scorn, be in (make) sport.

כה ויהי כי טוב (כטוב) לבם ויאמרו קראו ([Judg 16:25 [Aleppo])

לשמשון **וישחק** לנו ויקראו לשמשון מבית האסירי(האסורים)

ויצחק לפניהם ויעמידו אותו בין העמודים

In these verses the ancient Hebrew root form is the same. Christ stood before God the Father and by some they considered Him as making sport or taking a risk in doing this. Whatever else He did we are not told. Certain of these early created beings in the spirit world did not like this and **said we will not have this man (the God-Man) rule over us**. They therefore tried to make their throne above the throne of God and were cast down and fell.

Lu 10:18 And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.

Paul's Testimony about the Eternal God-Man and His Eternal Sonship to the Hebrews

(Heb 1:1 [AKJV]) God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets,

(Heb 1:2 [AKJV]) Has in these last days spoken to us by his Son, whom he has appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; (Did God the Father appoint and work through the Deity of Christ, if so then Christ in His deity is a sub-god. Must we assume incorrectly that Christ in His deity needs any Father to appoint to Him anything or work through Him in the creation? If so then the Father is superior to Him in His essential deity.)

(Heb 1:3 [AKJV]) Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high:

(Heb 1:5 [AKJV]) For to which of the angels said he at any time, You are my Son, this day have I begotten you? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son? (The eternal generation of Christ into His Eternal Sonship is a result of a definite act of eternal generation. Did one God generate another God into His eternal Sonship? We abhor such a concept that would downgrade our Lord Jesus Christ into a begotten God and make Him a generated Son in His deity.)

(Heb 1:8 [AKJV]) But to the Son he said, Your throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom.

(Heb 1:9 [AKJV]) You have loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness above your fellows.

His fellows are His brothers and sisters, the elect of God. This unction or anointing is a reward due to His essential holiness and choices. God made this eternal unction of the Holy Spirit upon Christ in His heavenly Manhood before all creation to prepare Him for His work as the Lamb slain from the foundation of the World. Dr. Royce Smith has correctly shown that this anointing was the anointing of sacrifice and Christ received it before all creation. Christ is distinguished above His fellows, the elect of God in this anointing of sacrifice and in many other ways relating to the eternal unction by the Holy Spirit from the Father.

(Heb 1:10 [AKJV]) And, You, Lord, in the beginning have laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of your hands:

(Heb 1:11 [AKJV]) They shall perish; but you remain; and they all shall wax old as does a garment;

(Heb 1:12 [AKJV]) And as a clothing shall you fold them up, and they shall be changed: but you are the same, and your years shall not fail.

(Heb 1:13 [AKJV]) But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool?

(Heb 1:14 [AKJV]) Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?

Christ Jesus sitting at the Father's right hand refers to Him in His heavenly Manhood. He returned to His original position following His resurrection and ascension back into glory, please see S E Pierce's *Commentary on John 17* in this light as found on Elder Leroy Rhodes site as updated into modern MSWord by Elder John O'Brien. Elder Wayne Gregory has said in a beautiful way *that Christ asked for no more and received no less.*

We have often remarked that the *kosmos* is the outward garment of the eternal Godhead and that we derive the English word cosmetic from the Greek *kosmos*. This is further reinforced from Paul's statements here in Hebrews 1.

Christ, in both of His essential natures, is immutable even though in His sacred Manhood He has passed through at least 2 forms as Paul presented them to us from Phil. 2. Yet even though He has passed through these 2 forms, yet He is still the God-Man, the creator and upholder of all things. When He died on the cross, even as He was dying, as in all His other incarnate acts, He was still the eternal God-Man, the creator and upholder of all things. As *He was hanging on the cross and dying* He was still the God-Man Creator and Redeemer of the kosmos and this now will bring us to Paul's teachings on this very subject. Our Lord Jesus Christ is beyond or comprehension as mortal men and women. The angels cannot even begin to comprehend such mysteries and neither can we except by the Divine Revelation that He has given to us of Himself.

(Rev 1:10 [AKJV]) I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet,

(Rev 1:11 [AKJV]) Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What you see, write in a book, and send it to the seven churches which are in Asia; to Ephesus, and to Smyrna, and to Pergamos, and to Thyatira, and to Sardis, and to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea.

(Rev 1:12 [AKJV]) And I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks;

(Rev 1:13 [AKJV]) And in the middle of the seven candlesticks one like to the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the breasts with a golden girdle.

(Rev 1:14 [AKJV]) His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire;

(Rev 1:15 [AKJV]) And his feet like to fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters.

(Rev 1:16 [AKJV]) And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp two edged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shines in his strength.

(Rev 1:17 [AKJV]) And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand on me, saying to me, Fear not; I am the first and the last:

(Rev 1:18 [AKJV]) I am he that lives, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for ever more, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

(Rev 1:19 [AKJV]) Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;

Such is a brief presentation of our God-Man Redeemer, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Paul's Testimony Presented to the Colossians about the Eternal God-Man

As our Creator and Redeemer

(Col 1:9 [AKJV]) For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that you might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;

(Col 1:10 [AKJV]) That you might walk worthy of the Lord to all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;

(Col 1:11 [AKJV]) Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, to all patience and long-suffering with joyfulness;

(Col 1:12 [AKJV]) Giving thanks to the Father, which has made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:

(Col 1:13 [AKJV]) Who has delivered us from the power of darkness, and has translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:

(Col 1:14 [AKJV]) In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:

(Col 1:15 [AKJV]) Who is the *image* of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:

This is in His Sacred Manhood as Brother Ivor from the UK has said so often. We would ask, is Jesus Christ in His deity a mere IMAGE of the invisible God? Is He the first born of every creature in His essential deity or in His essential Manhood, even His heavenly Manhood?

(Col 1:16 [AKJV]) For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

(Col 1:17 [AKJV]) And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

(Col 1:18 [AKJV]) And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.

(Col 1:19 [AKJV]) For it pleased the Father that in him should all fullness dwell;

Please see: (Col 2:9 [AKJV]) For in him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.

(Col 2:10 [AKJV]) And you are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:

(Col 1:20 [AKJV]) And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things to himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.

(Eph 5:25 [AKJV]) Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

(Eph 5:26 [AKJV]) That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

(Eph 5:27 [AKJV]) That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

While it is certainly true that Christ Jesus did reconcile the entire kosmos back to God, 2 Cor. 5 and other places, yet it is also true that He did also perform His Mediatorial works and functions in order to bring the Kosmos into reconciliation unto Himself and to present the Church unto Himself as a glorious Church not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that the Redeemed Church should be holy and with blemish. We can say that Christ by His redemptive works did reconcile us *both unto the Godhead and to Himself in His Sacred Humanity*. The entire Creation or Kosmos comes from the Sacred and Heavenly Manhood of Jesus Christ, not from His deity.

(Col 1:21 [AKJV]) And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now has he reconciled

(Col 1:22 [AKJV]) In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and blameless and unreprouvable in his sight:

(Col 1:23 [AKJV]) If you continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, (the grace of endurance...he who endures unto the end shall be saved..) which you have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;

(Col 1:24 [AKJV]) Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church:

(Col 1:25 [AKJV]) Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfill the word of God;

(Col 1:26 [AKJV]) Even the mystery which has been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints:

(Col 1:27 [AKJV]) To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

(Col 1:28 [AKJV]) Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus:

(Col 1:29 [AKJV]) Whereunto I also labor, striving according to his working, which works in me mightily.

(Amos 9:2 [AKJV]) Though they dig into hell, there shall my hand take them; though they climb up to heaven, there will I bring them down:

(Obad 1:4 [AKJV]) Though you exalt yourself as the eagle, and though you set your nest among the stars, there will I bring you down, said the LORD.

(Thank you brother Ivor and Brother/Elder West Coast Brown for finding these verses for us.)

We remind ourselves again of these verses:

Ps 115:16 The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD'S: but the earth hath he given to the children of men.

(Jer 27:4 [AKJV]) And command them to say to their masters, Thus said the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Thus shall you say to your masters;

ד וצוית אתם אל אדניהסול אמור ([Jer 27:4 [Aleppo])

יהוה צבאות אלהי ישראל כה תאמרו אל

אדניכם

The *LORD of Hosts* is the *GOD OF ISRAEL*. Need we again to behold Him as the *Manifest God of Israel* from Ex 24?

(Exod 24:9 [AKJV]) Then went up Moses, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel:

(Exod 24:10 [AKJV]) And they saw the God of Israel: and there was under his feet as it were a paved work of a sapphire stone, and as it were the body of heaven in his clearness.

(Exod 24:11 [AKJV]) And on the nobles of the children of Israel he laid not his hand: also they saw God, and did eat and drink.

How can this all not contradict what John said later:

(John 1:18 [AKJV]) No man has seen God at any time, the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he has declared him.

They saw the God-Man in His essential Heavenly Manhood. Had He not been then in His essential Heavenly Manhood already, then could not have stood being in His presence but would have been consumed by such wonderful and brilliant glory.

The LORD of Hosts is the God of Israel, the Manifest God-Man that countless multitudes saw in the Old Testament.

יהוה צבאות is the God-Man. Notice the words host and Hosts:

2Sa 7:26 And let thy name be magnified for ever, saying, The LORD of hosts is the God over Israel: and let the house of thy servant David be established before thee.

2Sa 7:27 For thou, O LORD of hosts, God of Israel, hast revealed to thy servant, saying, I will build thee an house: therefore hath thy servant found in his heart to pray this prayer unto thee.

Ps 59:5 Thou therefore, O LORD God of hosts, the God of Israel, awake to visit all the heathen: be not merciful to any wicked transgressors. Selah.

Ps 148:2 Praise ye him, all his angels: praise ye him, all his hosts.

Ne 9:6 Thou, even thou, art LORD alone; thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all things that are therein, the seas, and all that is therein, and thou preservest them all; and the host of heaven worshippeth thee.

Job 38:7 When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

Jer 27:5 I have made the earth, the man and the beast that are upon the ground, by my great power and by my outstretched arm, and have given it unto whom it seemed meet unto me.

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In Conclusion

We note that our God-Man Redeemer is both the Creator and the Redeemer. He made all things in the *visible* universe as well as all things in the *invisible* dimension of the universe. In particular He made the earth and placed God's elect, His brothers and sisters, on this earth. He gave this earth unto men, meaning His elect, but the enemy (Satan or the Devil) has sowed tares among the wheat, meaning reprobates among the elect.

Christ in His government and dominion over all created existence, both visible and invisible, does often use means and ways to execute His Lordship and carry out His rules and laws of dominion over all things. Evil men have tried to go into the heavens in order that they may turn the heavens or space into a war zone and plant military bases on the moon and who knows what else, but the God-Man, in His providence has cast them down, back to the earth and the heaven above it.

What are some of these ways and means, we cannot say except this, no matter what they are, we may be certain that they are under the Sovereign Headship of the God-Man Redeemer and He used them for Himself to

accomplish His purpose of keeping even men and their destroying way to this earth. Soon, our God-Man Redeemer will return in order to save the kosmos, including His elect as a part of this kosmos, and put a stop to all the destroying intents of evil men. He shall destroy those who are destroying the earth. He shall restore all things to their original condition before men started destroying all things.

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